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SUBJECT:PRESIDENTIAL CONDOLENCES ON DEATH OF POPE PAUL

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE OF
CONDOLENCES TO CARLO CARDINAL CONFALONIERI, DEAN OF THE
SACRED COLLEGE OF CARDINALS, ON THE DEATH OF POPE PAUL:

"EMINENCE:

IT IS WITH DEEP SORROW THAT I OFFER MY CONDOLENCES-
AND THOSE OF ALL AMERICANS, WHATEVER THEIR FAITH-ON
THE DEATH OF POPE PAUL VI. HIS PROFOUND FAITH, AND HIS
LASTING DEDICATION TO HUMAN JUSTICE AND WORLD PEACE, DID
MUCH TO STRENGTHEN THE SPIRIT OF OUR AGE. I FOUND IN HIS
EXAMPLE A SOURCE OF GREAT PERSONAL INSPIRATION.

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THE WORLD WILL MISS THE GUIDANCE POPE PAUL DERIVED FROM
HIS DEEP SPIRITUALTY. HE SOUGHT TO SPEAK ACROSS THE
BARRIERS SEPARATING RELIGIONS, SO THAT GOD'S WORD COULD
BE UNDERSTOOD MORE WIDELY. HIS TRAVELS THROUGHOUT THE
WORLD, INCLUDING AN INSPIRING VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES,
MADE HIS MESSAGE A PERSONAL ONE FOR ALL HUMANKIND. WE

SAW IN HIS TRAVELS NOT ONLY THE GREATNESS OF HIS
LEADERSHIP, BUT ALSO THE SIMPLICITY OF THE MAN.

OUR MEMORIAL TO POPE PAUL MUST ALSO BE SIMPLE: A
RENEWED DEDICATION TO HIS PLEA THAT ALL PEOPLE OPEN
THEIR HEARTS TO ONE ANOTHER IN GENTLENESS AND
UNDERSTANDING. THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND I MOURN HIS
PASSING. SINCERELY, JIMMY CARTER."

2. EMBASSY SHOULD MAKE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS FOR
IMMEDIATE DELIVERY TO VATICAN.

3. WE HAVE NO PLANS TO RELEASE TEXT BUT WOULD NOT
OBJECT SHOULD VATICAN DECIDE TO DO SO.

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